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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION

1. PROSPECTS FOR NIGERIA'S POWER SUPPLY ARE BRIGHTENING WITH THE INFUSION OF U.S. EQUIPMENT. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, GENERAL ELECTRIC REPRESENTATIVES HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE TWO 20 MEGAWATT TURBINES BEING INSTALLED IN LAGOS ARE SLIGHTLY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND WILL AT LEAST MEET THE MAY 30 DEADLINE FOR GOING ON STREAM. AT THE SAME TIME, WESTINGHOUSE EXECUTIVES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE TWO CONTROVERSIAL WESTINGHOUSE GAS TURBINES WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN OUT OF ACTION BECAUSE OF DISPUTE OVER SPARE PARTS WILL SOON BE PRODUCING AGAIN. EACH ONE OF THESE UNITS FURNISHES 14 MEGAWATTS OF POWER.

2. PROGRESS ON THE WESTINGHOUSE UNITS IS ESPECIALLY GOOD NEWS BECAUSE IT ENDS A FESTERING SITUATION IN WHICH BAD WILL WAS BUILDING UP AGAINST AMERICAN SUPPLIERS. ORIGINALLY INSTALLED IN 1966 THE EQUIPMENT RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NONSTOP USE BEFORE COLLAPSING. THE UNITS WERE TAKEN APART FOR REPAIR AND STAYED INOPERABLE DURING A PROTRACTED AND INCREASINGLY ACrimonious DISCUSSION OVER CREDIT FINANCING FOR NEW SPARE PARTS AND REASSEMBLY. WITH A FINANCIAL PACKAGE AT LAST  
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WORKED OUT, PARTS FOR BOTH UNITS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AND ARE BEING SHIPPED BY AIR. NEPA IS PAYING FOR THE PARTS; WESTINGHOUSE IS PAYING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION. A COMPANY SERVICE ENGINEER WILL ARRIVE AT THE END OF MARCH TO PERFORM A MAJOR OVERHAUL REASSEMBLY. THE UNITS WILL BE REPAIRED IN SEQUENCE PROBABLY REQUIRING A SIX-WEEK PERIOD FOR EACH. PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE SPARE PARTS WAS IN EXCESS OF DOLS 2 MILLION.

3. WESTINGHOUSE SPOKESMEN EMPHASIZED IMPROVED ATTITUDE OF NEPA OFFICIALS. IN NOVEMBER NEPA'S MOOD BORDERED ON HOSTILITY BUT MEETINGS OF THE PAST WEEK WERE MARKED BY FRIENDLINESS, UNDERSTANDING AND A CLEAR INTENTION TO RE-ESTABLISH HARMONIOUS WORKING RELATIONS WITH WESTINGHOUSE. COMPANY OFFICERS WERE ALSO VERY IMPRESSED BY THE CAPABILITY OF NEPA TECHNICIANS. THE LATTER HAD ALREADY PATCHED ONE UNIT BACK TOGETHER BY THEMSELVES. WORKING AT REDUCED CAPACITY, IT WILL SOON BE COMPLETELY REDONE BUT FOR THE TIME BEING ITS LIMITED OUTPUT HAS HELPED IN THE POWER SQUEEZE.

4. A FURTHER ENCOURAGING NOTE IS TWAT FIRST PHASE OF LARGE THERMOELECTRIC PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SAPELE IS STILL OUT FOR ENTRY INTO SERVICE ON AUGUST 1. THE OUTPUT OF THIS PLANT ALONG WITH THE WESTINGHOUSE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC UNITS IN LAGOS WILL FEED INTO THE NATIONAL GRID  
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